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Iron Age *n* (1879): the period of human culture characterized by the smelting of iron and its use in industry beginning somewhat before 1000 B.C. in western Asia and Egypt

iron-bark *\i-'(ə)r-n-,bārk\ n* (1799): any of several Australian eucalypti having hard gray bark and heavy hard durable wood used esp. in heavy construction; also: this wood

iron-bound *\i-'(ə)r-n-,baund\ adj* (14c): bound with or as if with iron: as a HARSH, RUGGED (~ coast) b: STERN, RIGOROUS (~ traditions)

iron-clad *\i-'(ə)r-n-,klad\ adj* (ca. 1847): 1: sheathed in iron armor — used esp. of naval vessels 2: so firm or secure as to be unbreakable: as a BINDING (an ~ oath) b: having no obvious weakness (an ~ case against the defendant)

iron-clad *\i-'(ə)r-n-,klad\ n* (1862): an armored naval vessel esp. of the mid to late nineteenth century

iron curtain *n* (1819): 1: an impenetrable barrier (the iron curtain between the ego and the unconscious — C. J. Rolo) 2: a political, military, and ideological barrier that cuts off and isolates an area; *specif.*, often cap: one isolating an area under Soviet control

iron-er *\i-'(ə)r-n-,er\ n* (1773): one that irons; *specif.*: MANGLE

iron-fisted *\i-'(ə)r-n-,fis-təd\ adj* (1599): 1: STINGY, MISERLY 2: being both harsh and ruthless (~ methods)

iron gray *n* (bef. 12c): a slightly greenish dark gray

iron hand *n* (1703): stern or rigorous control (ruled with an iron hand) — **iron-handed** *\i-'(ə)r-n-,hān-dəd\ adj*

iron-heart-ed *\i-'(ə)r-n-,hārt-təd\ adj* (1600): CRUEL, HARD-HEARTED

iron horse *n* (1840): LOCOMOTIVE 1: a steam locomotive

ironic *\i-'(ə)r-n-ik also i-'(ə)r-ā or i-'(ə)r-n-ik\ n* (1576): 1: relating to, containing, or constituting irony 2: given to irony *syn* see SARCASM — **ironic-cal-ness** *\i-'(ə)r-n-ik-əl-nəs\ n*

iron-i-cal-ly *\i-'(ə)r-n-ik-əl-ē\ adv* (1576): 1: in an ironic manner 2: it is ironic, curious, or surprising

iron-ing *\i-'(ə)r-n-ɪŋ\ n* (ca. 1710): 1: the action or process of smoothing or pressing with or as if with a heated iron 2: clothes ironed or to be ironed

ironing board *n* (1843): a flat padded cloth-covered surface on which clothes are ironed

iron-ist *\i-'(ə)r-n-ist\ n* (1727): one who uses irony esp. in the development of a literary work or theme

iron-ize *\i-'(ə)r-n-iz\ vb* — **iron-ized**, **-niz-ing** *vt* (1602): to make ironic in appearance or effect ~ *vi*: to use irony; speak or behave ironically

iron lung *n* (1932): a device for artificial respiration in which rhythmic alternations in the air pressure in a chamber surrounding a patient's chest force air into and out of the lungs

iron maiden *n* (ca. 1895): a supposed medieval torture device consisting of a hollow iron statue or coffin in the shape of a woman that is lined with spikes which impale the enclosed victim

iron man *n* (1914): a man of unusual physical endurance

iron-man-ter *\i-'(ə)r-n-,mas-tər\ n* (1674): a manufacturer of iron

iron-mon-gery *\i-'(ə)r-n-,mən-gər-,mən-g\ n* (14c) *Brit*: a dealer in iron and hardware

iron-mon-gery *\i-'(ə)r-n-,mən-g\ n* (1711): something made of metal; *esp. Brit*: HARDWARE

iron out *vt* (1870): 1: to make smooth or flat by or as if by pressing 2: to resolve or work out a solution to (ironed out their differences)

iron oxide *n* (1885): any of several oxides of iron: as a FERRIC OXIDE b: FERROUS OXIDE

iron pyrites *n* (ca. 1817): PYRITE — called also *iron pyrite*

iron ration *n* (1876): an emergency ration

iron-side *\i-'(ə)r-n-,sid\ n* (13c): a man of great strength or bravery

iron-stone *\i-'(ə)r-n-,stən\ n* (1522): 1: a hard sedimentary rock rich in iron; *esp.*: a siderite in a coal region 2: IRONSTONE CHINA

Ironstone china *n* (1825): a hard heavy durable white pottery developed in England early in the 19th century

iron sulfide *n* (1885): any of several sulfides of iron

iron-ware *\i-'(ə)r-n-,wər-,wər\ n* (15c): articles made of iron

iron-weed *\i-'(ə)r-n-,wēd\ n* (1819): any of several mostly weedy American composite plants (genus *Vernonia*) usu. having alternate leaves and perfect red, purple, or white tubular flowers in terminal cymose heads

iron-wood *\i-'(ə)r-n-,wud\ n* (1657): 1: any of numerous trees and shrubs (as a hornbeam or hop hornbeam) with exceptionally tough or hard wood 2: the wood of an ironwood

iron-work *\i-'(ə)r-n-,wɜrk\ n* (15c): 1: work in iron; also: something made of iron 2 *pl* but *sing* or *pl* in *const*: a mill or building where iron or steel is smelted or heavy iron or steel products are made — **iron-work-er** *\i-'(ə)r-n-,wɜrk-ər\ n*

iron-y *\i-'(ə)r-n-ē also i-'(ə)r-n-ē\ n, pl* — *nies* [*L. ironia*, fr. *Gk. eirōnē*, fr. *eirōn* dissembler] (1502): 1: a pretense of ignorance and of willingness to learn from another assumed in order to make the other's false conceptions conspicuous by adroit questioning — called also *Socratic irony* 2: a: the use of words to express something other than and esp. the opposite of the literal meaning b: a usu. humorous or sardonic literary style or form characterized by irony c: an ironic expression or utterance 3: a (1): incongruity between the actual result of a sequence of events and the normal or expected result (2): an event or result marked by such incongruity b: incongruity between a situation developed in a drama and the accompanying words or actions that is understood by the audience but not by the characters in the play — called also *dramatic irony*, *tragic irony* *syn* see WIT

Ir-o-quo-i-an *\i-'(ə)r-ə-'kwōi-ən\ n* (1697): 1: a member of any of the peoples constituting the Iroquois 2: an American Indian language family of eastern No. America including Cayuga, Cherokee, Mohawk, Onondaga, Oneida, Seneca, and Tuscarora — **Iroquoian** *adj*

Ir-o-quo-is *\i-'(ə)r-ə-'kwōi also -kwā\ n, pl* Iroquois *\i-'(ə)r-ə-'kwā(z)\ [F. prob. of Algonquian origin] (1666) 1 pl*: an American Indian confederacy orig. of New York consisting of the Cayuga, Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, and Seneca and later including the Tuscarora 2: a member of any of the Iroquois peoples

ir-ra-di-ance *\i-'(ə)r-ə-dē-ən(t)s\ n* (1667): 1: RADIANCE 2: the density of radiation incident on a given surface usu. expressed in watts per square centimeter or square meter

ir-ra-di-ate *\i-'(ə)r-ə-dē-,āt\ vb* — **at-ed**, **-at-ing** [*L. irradiatus*, pp. of *irradiare*, fr. *in-* + *radius* ray] *vt* (1603): 1: to cast rays of light upon 2: ILLUMINATE b: to enlighten intellectually or spiritually c: to affect or treat by radiant energy (as heat); *specif.*: to treat by exposure to

radiation 2: to emit like rays of light: **RADIATE** (*irradiating* strength and comfort) ~ *vi*, *archaic*: to emit rays: **SHINE** — **ir-ra-di-a-tive** *\i-'(ə)r-ə-dē-āt-iv\ adj* — **ir-ra-di-a-tor** *\i-'(ə)r-ə-dē-āt-ər\ n*

ir-ra-di-a-tion *\i-'(ə)r-ə-dē-ā-shən\ n* (1901): 1: exposure to radiation (as X rays or alpha particles) 2: application of radiation (as X rays or ultraviolet light) esp. for therapeutic purposes

ir-rad-i-ca-ble *\i-'(ə)r-ə-dē-kə-bəl, i-(r)-\ adj* [*ML. irradicabilis*, fr. *L. in-* + *radix*, *radix* root — more at *ROOT*] (1728): impossible to eradicate — **DEEP-ROOTED** — **ir-rad-i-ca-bly** *\i-'(ə)r-ə-dē-kə-bəl-ē\ adv*

ir-ra-tio-nal *\i-'(ə)r-ə-sh(ə)-nəl, i-(r)-\ adj* [*ME*, fr. *L. irrationalis*, fr. *in-* + *rationalis* rational] (14c): not rational: as a (1): not endowed with reason or understanding (2): lacking usual or normal mental clarity or coherence b: not governed by or according to reason (~ fears) c: *Greek & Latin prosody* (1) of a syllable: having a quantity other than that required by the meter (2) of a foot: containing such a syllable d (1): being an irrational number (an ~ root of an equation) (2): having a numerical value that is an irrational number (a length that is ~)

ir-ra-tio-nal-i-ty *\i-'(ə)r-ə-sh(ə)-nəl-ə-tē\ n* — **ir-ra-tio-nal-ly** *\i-'(ə)r-ə-sh(ə)-nəl-ē\ adv*

irrational *n* (1646): 1: an irrational being 2: IRRATIONAL NUMBER

ir-ra-tio-nal-ism *\i-'(ə)r-ə-sh(ə)-nəl-iz-əm\ n* (1811): 1: a system emphasizing intuition, instinct, feeling, or faith rather than reason or holding that the universe is governed by irrational forces 2: the quality or state of being irrational — **ir-ra-tio-nal-ist** *\i-'(ə)r-ə-sh(ə)-nəl-ist\ n* or *adj* — **ir-ra-tio-nal-ist-ic** *\i-'(ə)r-ə-sh(ə)-nəl-ist-ik\ adj*

irrational number *n* (1551): a number that can be expressed as an infinite decimal with no set of consecutive digits repeating itself indefinitely and that cannot be expressed as the quotient of two integers

ir-re-al *\i-'(r)-ē-, i-(r)-, -ri-(ə)\ adj* (1944): not real

ir-re-al-i-ty *\i-'(r)-ē-, i-(r)-, -ri-(ə)-l-ē-tē\ n* (1803): UNREALITY

ir-re-claim-able *\i-'(r)-ē-, i-(r)-, -ri-(ə)-klā-mə-bəl\ adj* (1662): incapable of being reclaimed — **ir-re-claim-ably** *\i-'(r)-ē-, i-(r)-, -ri-(ə)-klā-mə-bəl-ē\ adv*

ir-rec-on-cil-able *\i-'(r)-ē-, i-(r)-, -ri-(ə)-kən-'sī-lə-bəl, -'re-kən-, i-(r)-\ adj* (1599): impossible to reconcile — **ir-rec-on-cil-abil-i-ty** *\i-'(r)-ē-, i-(r)-, -ri-(ə)-kən-'sī-lə-bəl-ē-tē\ n* — **ir-rec-on-cil-able-ness** *\i-'(r)-ē-, i-(r)-, -ri-(ə)-kən-'sī-lə-bəl-nəs, -'re-kən-, i-(r)-\ n* — **ir-rec-on-cil-ably** *\i-'(r)-ē-, i-(r)-, -ri-(ə)-kən-'sī-lə-bəl-ē\ adv*

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